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THE ROCKETS' 1946 RECORD . . .

HOME GAMES

6 Chicago	vs.	Cleveland	20
17 Chicago	vs.	New York	17
38 Chicago	vs.	Buffalo	35
24 Chicago	vs.	San Francisco	7
9 Chicago	vs.	Los Angeles	21
28 Chicago	vs.	Miami	7
14 Chicago	vs.	Brooklyn	21

OUT-OF-TOWN GAMES

21 Chicago	vs.	Brooklyn	21
17 Chicago	vs.	Buffalo	49
20 Chicago	vs.	Miami	7
14 Chicago	vs.	Cleveland	51
38 Chicago	vs.	New York	28
0 Chicago	vs.	San Francisco	14
17 Chicago	vs.	Los Angeles	17

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THE ROCKETS' 1947 SCHEDULE . . .

HOME GAMES

At Soldier Field

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday, August 29	Los Angeles Dons	8:30 P.M.
Friday, September 19	Buffalo Bills	8:30 P.M.
Friday, September 26	Cleveland Browns	8:30 P.M.
Friday, October 3	Brooklyn Dodgers	8:30 P.M.
Friday, October 24	New York Yankees	8:30 P.M.
Friday, November 7	Baltimore Colts	8:30 P.M.
Friday, November 21	San Francisco 49ers	8:30 P.M.

ROAD GAMES

Friday, September 5	New York Yankees
Sunday, September 14	Buffalo Bills
Sunday, October 12	San Francisco 49ers
Sunday, October 19	Cleveland Browns
Friday, October 31	Brooklyn Dodgers
Sunday, November 30	Baltimore Colts
Sunday, December 7	Los Angeles Dons

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ALL-AMERICA CONFERENCE, 1946 Standings . . .

WESTERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Cleveland	12	2	0	.857	423	137
San Francisco	9	5	0	.643	307	189
Los Angeles	7	5	2	.583	305	290
CHICAGO	5	6	3	.455	263	315

EASTERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
New York	10	3	1	.769	270	192
Buffalo	3	10	1	.231	249	370
Brooklyn	3	10	1	.231	226	339
Miami	3	11	0	.214	167	378

THE ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE . . .

1947 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE — SECOND SEASON

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August 29 Los Angeles at Chicago*
 August 31 Brooklyn at San Francisco
 August 31 New York at Buffalo

October 24 New York at Chicago*
 October 26 Baltimore at Los Angeles
 October 26 Brooklyn at Buffalo
 October 26 Cleveland at San Francisco
 October 31 Chicago at Brooklyn*

September 5 Buffalo at Cleveland*
 September 5 Chicago at New York*
 September 7 Brooklyn at Baltimore
 September 7 Los Angeles at San Francisco
 September 12 Cleveland at Brooklyn*
 September 12 New York at Los Angeles*
 September 14 Baltimore at San Francisco
 September 14 Chicago at Buffalo
 September 19 Brooklyn at Los Angeles*
 September 19 Buffalo at Chicago*
 September 21 Baltimore at Cleveland
 September 21 New York at San Francisco
 September 26 Cleveland at Chicago*
 September 28 San Francisco at Buffalo
 September 28 New York at Baltimore

November 2 Baltimore at New York
 November 2 Cleveland at Buffalo
 November 2 San Francisco at Los Angeles
 November 7 Baltimore at Chicago*
 November 9 Brooklyn at Cleveland
 November 9 Los Angeles at Buffalo
 November 9 San Francisco at New York
 November 16 Baltimore at Brooklyn
 November 16 Los Angeles at New York
 November 16 San Francisco at Cleveland
 November 21 San Francisco at Chicago*
 November 23 Buffalo at Baltimore
 November 23 Cleveland at New York
 November 23 Los Angeles at Brooklyn
 November 27 Cleveland at Los Angeles**
 November 27 San Francisco at Brooklyn**
 November 30 Buffalo at New York
 November 30 Chicago at Baltimore

October 3 Brooklyn at Chicago*
 October 5 Buffalo at Los Angeles
 October 5 New York at Cleveland
 October 5 San Francisco at Baltimore
 October 12 Baltimore at Buffalo
 October 12 Brooklyn at New York
 October 12 Chicago at San Francisco
 October 12 Los Angeles at Cleveland
 October 17 Buffalo at Brooklyn*
 October 19 Chicago at Cleveland
 October 19 Los Angeles at Baltimore

December 7 Buffalo at San Francisco
 December 7 Chicago at Los Angeles
 December 7 Cleveland at Baltimore
 December 7 New York at Brooklyn
 December 14—Championship game, winner of Eastern vs. winner of Western division.

*Friday Night Games

**Thanksgiving Day Games

CHICAGO ROCKETS' OFFICIAL STATISTICS . . . 1946

TOTAL OFFENSE

Name	Plays	Rushing	Passing	Total
Bob Hoernschemeyer	304	375	1,266	1,641
Walt Clay	92	283	140	423
Elroy Hirsch	107	226	156	382
Walt Williams	51	19	226	245
Bill Kellagher	52	178	15	193
Ernie Lewis	65	164	17	181
Bill Hillenbrand	53	175	0	175
Steve Nemeth	27	10	68	78
Bill Schroeder	14	42	10	52
Pete Lamana	6	21	0	21
Max Morris	1	20	0	20
Ned Mathews	12	15	0	15
Don Griffin	29	13	0	13
Norm Cox	1	12	0	12
Bill Boedeker	6	8	0	8
Pat Lahey	1	-2	0	-2
Center Pass	1	-18	0	-18
TOTALS	822	1,541	1,898	3,439

PASSING

Name	Att.	Cp.	Int.	Yds.	Tds.	Pct.
Bob Hoernschemeyer	193	95	14	1,266	14	.492
Walt Williams	30	13	5	226	1	.433
Elroy Hirsch	20	12	2	156	1	.600
Walt Clay	27	12	3	140	2	.444
Steve Nemeth	23	5	0	68	0	.217
Ernie Lewis	8	4	1	17	0	.500
Bill Kellagher	3	2	1	15	0	.667
Bill Schroeder	2	1	0	10	0	.500
Don Griffin	1	0	1	0	0	.000
Bill Hillenbrand	3	0	2	0	0	.000
TOTALS	310	144	29	1,898	18	.465

PUNTING

Name	No.	Average	Yards
Bill Kellagher	1	56.0	56
Steve Nemeth	2	46.0	92
Walt Clay	1	45.0	45
Bob Hoernschemeyer	11	44.0	484
Ernie Lewis	50	41.7	2,085
Walt Williams	24	41.6	998
Ralph Heywood	2	28.5	57
TOTALS	91	41.9	3,817

PUNT RETURNS

Name	No.	Yards	Aver.
Elroy Hirsch	17	235	13.8
Bill Hillenbrand	13	180	13.8
Bob Hoernschemeyer	6	91	15.2
Walt Clay	8	70	8.8
Bill Boedeker	2	29	14.5
Pete Lamana	0*	20	...
Steve Nemeth	1	14	14.0
Bill Schroeder	0*	7	...
Walt Williams	1	6	6.0
TOTALS	48	652	13.6

*Accepted Lateral Pass

CHICAGO ROCKETS' OFFICIAL STATISTICS — 1946 (continued) . . .

KICKOFF RETURNS

Name	No.	Yards	Aver.
Elroy Hirsch	14	384	27.4
Bob Hoernschemeyer	9	275	30.6
Bill Hillenbrand	8	220	27.5
Ned Mathews	5	110	22.0
Bill Boedeker	2	84	42.0
Bill Kellagher	3	48	16.0
Walt Clay	2	43	21.5
Don Griffin	2	31	15.5
Ernie Lewis	2	22	11.0
Herb Coleman	1	20	20.0
Bill Schroeder	1	19	19.0
Walt Williams	1	18	18.0
Pete Lamana	1	18	18.0
Frank Quillen	1	13	13.0
Lloyd Wasserbach	1	13	13.0
Pat Lahey	1	5	5.0
TOTALS	54	1,323	24.5

SCORING

Name	TDs.	XPTs.	FGs.	PTs.
Steve Nemeth	0	32	9	59
Bill Hillenbrand	8	0	0	48
Elroy Hirsch	6	0	0	36
Ralph Heywood	4	0	0	24
Ned Mathews	3	0	0	18
Bill Kellagher	3	0	0	18
Frank Quillen	2	0	0	12
Walt Williams	2	0	0	12
Bill Boedeker	1	0	0	6
Walt Clay	1	0	0	6
Bob Dove	1	0	0	6
Ernie Lewis	1	0	0	6
Pete Lamana	1	0	0	6
Bob Motl	1	0	0	6
TOTALS	34	32	9	263

RUSHING

Name	No.	Yards	Aver.
Bob Hoernschemeyer	111	375	3.38
Walt Clay	65	283	4.35
Elroy Hirsch	87	226	2.60
Bill Kellagher	49	178	3.63
Bill Hillenbrand	50	175	3.50
Ernie Lewis	57	164	2.88
Bill Schroeder	12	42	3.50
Pete Lamana	6	21	3.50
Max Morris	1	20	20.00
Walt Williams	21	19	0.90
Ned Mathews	12	15	1.25
Don Griffin	28	13	0.46
Norm Cox	1	12	12.00
Steve Nemeth	4	10	2.50
Bill Boedeker	6	8	1.33
Pat Lahey	1	-2	-2.00
Center Pass	1	-18	-18.00
TOTALS	512	1,541	3.01

PASS RECEIVING

Name	No.	Yards	TDs.
Elroy Hirsch	27	347	3
Bill Hillenbrand	21	315	4
Ralph Heywood	20	287	4
Pat Lahey	17	203	0
Frank Quillen	13	143	2
Bob Motl	9	124	1
Bob Dove	7	67	1
Ned Mathews	6	100	2
Bill Boedeker	5	82	1
Don Griffin	5	28	0
Walt Clay	4	48	0
Max Morris	3	66	0
Bill Kellagher	2	36	0
Ernie Lewis	2	26	0
Bob Hoernschemeyer	1	11	0
Bill Schroeder	1	9	0
Walt Williams	1	3	0
Wilbur Wilkin	0*	3	0
TOTALS	144	1,898	18

* Accepted Lateral Pass

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Name	No.	Yards
Elroy Hirsch	6	97
Walt Clay	6	72
Bill Hillenbrand	3	37
Walt Williams	2	148
Joe Ruetz	2	13
Ned Mathews	2	8
Bill Boedeker	1	26
Herb Coleman	1	25
Don Griffin	1	19
Pete Lamana	1	16
Bob Hoernschemeyer	1	10
Ernie Lewis	1	10
Frank Quillen	1	9
Pat Lahey	1	4
Bill Schroeder	1	4
Lloyd Wasserbach	1	0
Wilbur Wilkin	0*	18
TOTALS	31	516

* Accepted Lateral Pass.

CHICAGO ROCKETS' OFFICIAL STATISTICS — 1946 (continued) . . .

TEAM STATISTICS

	Opponents Rockets	
Games	14	14
First Downs	129	149
First Downs Rushing	69	76
First Downs Passing	50	63
First Downs by Penalty	10	10
Total Yards Gained	3336	3439
Rushing Yards	1718	1541
Passing Yards	1618	1898
Number of Rushes	475	512
Average Gain Per Rush	3.62	3.01
Forward Passes Attempted	259	310
Forward Passes Completed	119	144
Percent of Passes Completed	.459	.465
Passes Had Intercepted	31	29
Pct. of Passes Had Intercepted	.120	.094
Yards Int. Returned by Opponents	516	532
Number of Punts	89	91
Average Yards Per Punt	40.0	41.9
Punts Returned By	48	48
Average per Punt Return	13.0	13.6
Kickoffs Returned by	55	54
Average per Kickoff Return	20.3	24.5
Number of Penalties	73	63
Yards Penalized	553	514
Fumbles	48	40
Own Fumbles Lost	22	18
Total Touchdowns Scored	42	34
Touchdowns Running	23	16
Touchdowns Passing	19	18
Extra Points Scored	41	32
Field Goals Scored	6	9
Safetyes Scored	2	0
Total Points Scored	315	263

CHICAGO ROCKETS' PLAYER ROSTER . . .

1947 SEASON

ENDS . . .

No.	Name	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Home	School	Yrs. with Club
55	Dove, Robt. (Bob)	26	219	6'1	Youngstown, Ohio	Notre Dame	2
57	Harrington, John	25	205	6'3	Sharewood, Wisconsin	Marquette	1
50	Lahey, Pat	27	220	6'2	Wilmette, Illinois	John Carroll	2
53	Morris, Max	22	200	6'2	Detroit, Michigan	Northwestern	2
51	Mulready, Jerry	24	200	6'2	Fargo, North Dakota	No. Dakota State	1
52	Quillen, Frank	25	225	6'5	Ridley Park, Pa.	U. of Pennsylvania	2
56	Rokisky, John	28	200	6'2	Clarksburg, W. Va.	Duquesne U.	1
54	Berry, Connie Mack	29	220	6'2	Chicago, Illinois	North Carolina	1

TACKLES . . .

42	Bauman, Alf	27	220	6'3	Chicago, Illinois	Northwestern	1
45	Hunekes, Chuck	26	225	6'3	Springfield, Illinois	St. Benedicts	2
41	Kuzman, John	30	230	6'1	Coaldale, Pennsylvania	Fordham U.	1
46	McCollum, Harley	28	245	6'4	Tulsa, Oklahoma	Tulane U.	1
43	Mihal, Joe	30	235	6'3	Lake Forest, Illinois	Purdue U.	1
48	Niedziela, Bruno	24	220	6'2	Chicago, Illinois	U. of Iowa	1
40	Verry, Norm	24	245	6'1	Los Angeles, California	U. of So. California	2
49	Pucci, Ben	22	260	6'4	St. Louis, Mo.		1

GUARDS . . .

33	Billman, John	26	200	6'	Minneapolis, Minnesota	U. of Minnesota	1
35	Hecht, George	26	235	6'	Chicago Heights, Illinois	U. of Alabama	1
36	Martingly, Francis						
32	O'Neal, Jim (Chief)	23	230	6'1	Anna, Texas	Texas Christian	2
30	Pearcy, Jim	27	210	5'11	Chicago, Illinois	Marshall College	2
34	Sumpter, Tony	24	215	6'1	Lawton, Oklahoma	Cameron Jr. College	2
31	Vogds, Evan	24	204	5'10	Fond-Du-Lac, Wisconsin	U. of Wisconsin	2
37	Wasserbach, Lloyd	26	200	5'11	Baileys Harbor, Wis.	U. of Wisconsin	2

CENTERS . . .

25	Coleman, Herb	24	200	6	Canton, Ohio	Notre Dame	2
21	Lamana, Pete	26	210	5'11	Thompsonville, Conn.	Boston U.	2
27	Negus, Fred	26	205	6'1	Martins Ferry, Ohio	U. of Wisconsin	1
29	Rothrock, Cliff	25	190	5'10	Fargo, North Dakota	North Dakota	1

QUARTERBACKS . . .

65	Cox, Norman (Fuzzy)	21	210	6'3	Grandfalls, Texas	Texas Christian	2
66	Dekdebrun, Allen	23	180	5'11	Buffalo, New York	Cornell U.	1
64	Hoernschmeyer, Bob (Hunchy)	17	192	5'11	Cincinnati, Ohio	Indiana U.	2
69	Vacanti, Sam (Baron)	25	200	5'10	Lincoln, Nebraska	U. of Nebraska	1

FULLBACKS . . .

75	Benson, George	28	205	6'1	Chicago, Illinois	Northwestern	1
71	Daley, Bill	27	210	6'2	St. Cloud, Minnesota	U. of Minn.	1
72	Gloden, Fred	28	191	5'10	Philadelphia, Pa.	Tulane	1
74	Kellagher, Bill	27	205	5'11	Ashland, Pennsylvania	Fordham	2
73	Lewis, Ernie	23	215	6'1	Swink, Colorado	Colorado U.	2

HALFBACKS . . .

99	Bass, Bill	25	180	5'10	Elizabeth, Pa.	U. of Nevada	1
85	Clay, Walter (Hatchet)	22	205	5'10	Longmont, Colorado	U. of Colorado	2
80	Hirsch, Elroy (Crazylegs)	24	190	6'2	Wausau, Wisconsin	U. of Wisconsin	2
88	Ramsey, Ray (Rocket)	26	170	6'2	Peoria, Illinois	Bradley U.	1
60	Schroeder, Billy	24	190	6'1	Sheboygan, Wisconsin	U. of Wisconsin	2
97	Scallisi, Ted	26	173	5'8	Madison, Wisconsin	Ripon College	1

JAMES H. (Sleepy Jim) CROWLEY, former commissioner of the All America Football Conference, was born in Chicago, September 10, 1902—and thus was launched an exciting and colorful career in sports which was to reach a new climax with his appointment to the post of Commissioner of the All-America Football Conference, and then as head coach and chief of the Rockets.

Jim played his high school ball in Green Bay, Wis., whence the family had moved; and he entered Notre Dame in the Fall of 1921, a few months after his graduation from high school.

One of his rivals for the left halfback at Notre Dame was Elmer Layden. A series of injuries in the fullback post resulted in the shifting of Layden to fullback and, against Carnegie Tech in 1922, the immortal Four horse-men—Crowley, Layden, Harry Stuhldreher, and Don Miller—first played together as a unit. It was not until the Army game of 1924 that their nickname was appended by Grantland Rice, dean of American sports writers.

The 1924 team won all of its nine regularly-scheduled games and was victorious over Stanford, 27 to 10, in the Rose Bowl game of January 1, 1925. Crowley, Layden and Stuhldreher were named All-American.

Crowley then went to the University of Georgia as backfield coach, a position he held from 1925 through 1928. He became head coach at Michigan State in 1929, and his success there led to an offer from Fordham which he accepted in 1933.

His Fordham teams were among the nation's most powerful, winning 55 games, losing only 12, and tying 7 in nine seasons. From 1937 to 1941, inclusive, Fordham won 33, lost only 5, and tied 2 to lead the nation's major teams.

Crowley's 1936 and 1937 teams, with their great "Seven Blocks of Granite" in the line were among the greatest defensive aggregations in football history. They lost only one game, 7 to 6, to N.Y.U., and the Violets' touchdown was the only one scored against Fordham in two years through the line.

Identified in the public mind as a defensive mentor, Crowley also came up with some sparkling offensive units, particularly in his last five years with the Rams. Fordham averaged in the neighborhood of three touchdowns a game during this last five years—against major opposition, and before the development of T-formation.

Crowley entered the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander in February of 1942 and he coached the North Carolina Pre-Flight team that Fall. The following January he was assigned to the Pacific in charge of welfare and recreation of the Third Fleet. He was transferred to Admiral Halsey's Staff in August of 1943 in charge of welfare and recreation for the entire South Pacific Area.

Crowley returned to the United States in June of 1944 to become athletic director and football coach at Sampson Naval Training Center. He was made a full commander in December of 1944. He was assigned further Pacific duty for the Bureau of Personnel in January of 1945, returning the following April. He went on inactive duty in June.

His appointment as Commissioner of the Conference was unanimously approved in April, 1945, at a meeting of the franchise owners, and he assumed his duties upon his release from active duty with the Navy.

Crowley's football personality, host of friends, and ready wit have enabled him to perform great service in the organization and smooth functioning of the first full-blown major sports loop ever conceived. In constant demand as an after-dinner speaker, he has given unsparingly of his talents to further the cause of the Conference not only in the "banquet league," but also at conference meetings, and in a seemingly endless series of trips to all parts of the nation on Conference business.

Last December Jim Crowley returned to Chicago as principal member of a trio of boyhood friends who purchased the Chicago Rockets. Jim and William S. Toohey, Chicago businessman, and John Brogan, Green Bay industrialist, comprise the group of pals who attended first grade together at St. John's School, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and who are together again now as co-owners of The Rockets. Mr. Toohey is president of the club. Crowley is vice president and general manager in addition to being head coach, and Mr. Brogan is treasurer.

Assistant Coaches

J. HAMPTON POOL, 31, Stanford University. Hamp Pool played at Stanford, where he was an outstanding end, and later joined the Chicago Bears, playing on championship teams of 1940-'41. A keen student of the T-formation, he coached during the war at Ft. Pierce, Florida Amphibious base, turning out an undefeated team in 1943.

AL BABARTSKY, 32, Fordham U. Al was right tackle in the famous "Seven Blocks of Granite" under Coach Crowley at Fordham. Later he starred with the Chicago Cardinals and Bears, playing on the Championship team in 1940. This is Al's initial full-time coaching assignment.

THE PLAYERS . . .

THE ENDS . . .

ROBERT DOVE, 26, 6 feet 1, 219, University of Notre Dame. Dove last season was a member of the Rockets player-coach triumvirate. He played two positions, end and guard in 1946. This season he is operating at his specialty, end, where he won numerous honors as a collegian. He was All-American in 1941-'42 and won the Knute Rockne Memorial Trophy from the Touchdown Club of Washington, D.C. He played in the East-West game in 1943 and served 3½ years as a Marine Corps 1st Lieutenant. Bob and his wife and their 3 year old son, Bob, Jr., live in Chicago. Their home town is Youngstown, Ohio.

JOHN HARRINGTON, 25, 6 feet 3, 205, Marquette University. "Pinky" was acquired from the Cleveland Browns in a winter trade. He won two letters at Marquette, and at Reedsburg, Wisconsin high school, was selected All-State quarterback in 1939. A smart end, Harrington is shifty and fast and has the natural range that helps a pass catcher. In 1945 he played baseball with Oakland in the Pacific Coast league. He married his childhood sweetheart, Margaret Kluber, of Reedsburg last year and they reside in Shorewood, Wisconsin, near Milwaukee.

PAT LAHEY, 27, 6 feet 2, 220, John Carroll University. During three years of football under Coach Tom Conley at John Carroll in Cleveland Pat Lahey was chosen a conference and all-opponents end three times. He also participated in basketball and track. His all-around ability is typical of Rockets' ends. During war he played with the El Toro Marines. In the offseason Pat lives in Wilmette where he is employed by an oil company. He is married and has two sons.

MAX MORRIS, 22, 6 feet 2, 200, Northwestern University. Chicago area fans were well acquainted with Max Morris before he joined the Rockets. At Northwestern he produced a brilliant athletic record beginning in 1944 when the Ungwirth-to-Morris pass combination was a brilliant feature of the Wildcats' attack. He was selected Most Valuable player on the team, was elected honorary captain in 1945. His basketball record is as bright as his grid mark. He was named All-Conference and All-American for one year in football and two years in basketball. Last season he played with the American Gears Champions. His home is West Frankfort, Illinois, but in the off season he lives in Detroit, Michigan, with his wife.

JERRY MULREADY, 25, 6 feet 2, 205, Minnesota-North Dakota State. Genial Jerry starred at Fargo high school as a fullback-end with his present teammate, Cliff Rothrock, and both were selected for all-state honors. Jerry matriculated to Minnesota, where he played two seasons (1940-'41), then joined the army as a B-29 navigator. After the war he switched to North Dakota State.

FRANK QUILLEN, 25, 6 feet 5, 225, University of Pennsylvania. Quillen made many "circus" catches last season with the Rockets, but his offensive prowess sometimes shadows his all-around ability. Big Frank played high school football at Ridley Park, Pa., and was an all-around athlete. He attended Franklin & Marshall Academy after high school, then enrolled at Penn, where he was selected on the All-East team and won mention on All-American elevens. In the Marine Corps Frank was an aviation pilot, and played a season with the El Toro Marines. His home is in Ridley Park, Pa.

JOHN ROKISKY, 28, 6 feet 2, 200, Duquesne University. Place-kicking artist, Rokisky was acquired from the Cleveland Browns last spring. In 1941 he was chosen All-American from Duquesne where he played with Buff Donelli's great team. A native of Mount Clark, West Virginia, John comes from a family of 10 children. He was a Navy Chief during the war, and presently lives in Clarksburg, W. Va. In 1942 he played with the East stars in the Shrine game at San Francisco, and with the Chicago All-Stars the same year.

THE TACKLES . . .

ALF BAUMAN, 27, 6 feet 3, 220, Northwestern University. No matter how big his foes are, Bauman usually can handle them if he gets hold with his large hands. In 1940 Notre Dame put two blockers on Alf to ride him out of plays. Bauman used one hand on each opponent. Result: Alf made 13 consecutive tackles, on both sides of the line, and Northwestern upset Notre Dame, 20 to 6. Bauman played with the famous Austin high school team that produced Bill DeCorravant. He is making a comeback after a wartime absence from the gridiron. In the off season Alf is west coast representative for a Chicago business firm and divides his residence between Chicago and Los Angeles.

CHUCK HUNEKE, 26, 6 feet 3, 225, St. Benedict's College. Chuck is one of the fastest tackles on the Rockets. At Cathedral Boys High in Springfield, Illinois, Chuck was football, basketball and weight lifter standout. He played two sports at St. Mary's College, San Antonio, Texas, and at St. Benedict's, Atchison, Kansas. During the war he was a member of the El Toro Marines. Lives with his parents in Springfield, Illinois.

JOHN KUZMAN, 30, 6 feet 1, 230, Fordham University. Kuzman was one of the famous tackles developed by Coach Jim Crowley, molder of the "Seven Blocks of Granite." At Fordham John was All-American two years, then joined the Chicago Cardinals. He was a Navy Lieutenant during the war, and played with service teams including Chapel Hill Pre-Flight in North Carolina and St. Mary's Pre-Flight. The Rockets acquired John from the San Francisco 49'ers. He is married, has two children and lives in California. His hometown is Coaldale, Pennsylvania, where he was an outstanding high school football player.

HARLEY McCOLLUM, 28, 6 feet 4, 245, Tulane University. Harley is the tallest man on the Rockets' squad. He was an All-American in 1939 at Tulane, and a standout in the Sugar Bowl clash against Oklahoma A & M in 1940. Big Mac began his athletic career in Wagoner, Oklahoma, playing football, basketball and throwing weights on the track squad. Played last season with the New York Yankees, from whom the Rockets acquired him. He has terrific charge on defense, and is a great offensive blocker, while his great height always makes him a menace on pass defense.

JOE MIHAL, 30, 6 feet 3, 235, Purdue University. Joe was a member of the champion Chicago Bears in 1940 and '41. Last year he played with the Los Angeles Dons. He was selected All Western Conference from Purdue in 1938, and also starred with the Boilermakers basketball team. Mihal hails from Gary, Indiana, and is one of 11 children. His brother, George, played football last season with Purdue. Joe was a 1st Lieut. in the Army Air Corps, and in the off season he is engaged in business in Chicago. He resides in Lake Forest, Illinois.

BRUNO NIEDZIELA, 24, 6 feet 2, 220, University of Iowa. Before playing for Coach Eddie Anderson at Iowa City, Bruno was an All-City tackle at Crane Tech High School, Chicago. He was named on the Chicago All-Star squad this year with Negus and Ramsey. Bruno's biggest thrill was playing with the victorious Hawkeyes in 1942, when they upset Wisconsin, 6 to 0, wrecking the Badgers' title dreams. Bruno was a Marine Sergeant in the Pacific. He lives with his parents and two sisters in Chicago.

NORM VERRY, 24, 6 feet 1, 245, University of Southern California. One of the greatest running blockers in football, Verry came from USC as one of the Trojans' all time greats. Norm played under Howard Jones, and his successors Sam Barry and Jeff Cravath at USC. Last year, after playing in the Chicago All-Star game Norm joined the Rockets and became one of the team's outstanding tackles. He was a Marine Lieutenant and spent four years in the South Pacific. His wife and son live in Los Angeles, California.

THE GUARDS . . .

JOHN BILLMAN, 26, 6 feet, 200, University of Minnesota. Billman, remarkably agile for a big man, is difficult to knock over on defense. He was schooled in rugged line play at Minnesota by Dr. George Hauser. In 1943 Johnnie was starting guard with the East eleven in the Shrine game at San Francisco. He prepped at Minneapolis Central high school, and although he later played with great Gopher teams, John remembers best the two touchdowns Central scored in the closing minutes against their bitter foe, West High, in 1937. He was a PT boat skipper in the Pacific and won five battle stars. In offseason he assists his father, a Minneapolis funeral director. He lives with his parents.

GEORGE HECHT, 26, 6 feet, 235, University of Alabama. "Thunderfoot" Hecht won prep athletic honors at Bloom Township high school, Chicago Heights, for football, basketball and baseball. He led Alabama to the Southeastern Conference championship in 1942 before becoming an Army lieutenant. George is studying law at Alabama. He played one season of service football, then went overseas. While at Fort Benning, Ga., he coached the line of the Fort Benning Doughboys. George lives with his mother at the family home in Chicago Heights, Ill.

JIM O'NEAL, 23, 6 feet 1, 230, Texas Christian University. "Chief" O'Neal, brilliant running guard and defensive strongman, was captain at T.C.U., All-Conference and Most Valuable player in 1945. Of Irish-Indian extraction, O'Neal is team leader with spirit and drive. He attends law school in the offseason at Southern Methodist, and as a Marine he studied Japanese language and customs. The "Chief" is single and lives in Anna, Texas.

JIM PEARCY, 27, 5 feet 11, 210, Marshall College. At Marshall College in West Virginia Jim played two positions, guard and quarterback. His quick start, pulling out of the line, makes him a valuable cog in the Rockets' T-formation offense, and his defensive ability is always rugged and high pitched. He is noted for his submarine charge at ballcarriers, catching them head on at the scrimmage line. His war record with the Marine Corps includes two years overseas. One season he played with the Maui Marines on Hawaii. Since joining the Rockets last season Jim has worked in the offseason in Chicago, where he now resides. He is a native of Clarksburg, W. Va.

TONY SUMPTER, 24, 6 feet 1, 215, Cameron Jr. College. Tony was a football, baseball, basketball, track and boxing star at Cameron in Lawton, Oklahoma. He was a member of the El Toro Marines squad, and last year was a strong fill in at guard on the Rockets team, being noted for his speed on defense. He has three daughters and lives in Lawton, Oklahoma.

EVAN VOGDS, 24, 5 feet 10, 204, University of Wisconsin. "Red" Vogds, native of Johnsburg, Wisconsin, starred at University of Wisconsin after a four-letter career at Fond-Du-Lac High School. He was a mainstay on Badger elevens of 1941-42, and in the Great Lakes-Badgers clash in 1942 ran back an intercepted pass 40 yards for a touchdown. Six months later he reported to Great Lakes as a Navy man. In 1944-'45 Red was on the undefeated Fleet City Bluejackets. He is married and lives in Fond-Du-Lac, Wisconsin.

LLOYD WASSERBACH, 26, 5 feet 11, 200, University of Wisconsin. Wisconsin-born "Wass" started his gridiron career playing guard while attending Sturgeon Bay High School. At Wisconsin he switched to tackle, where he was a standout for three seasons. After college Lloyd served nearly three years in the Army and served in the Pacific. He is single and lives at Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin.

THE CENTERS . . .

HERB COLEMAN, 24, 6 feet, 200, University of Notre Dame. Last season Herb was considered the most improved center in the All-America Conference at the season's end. He is well equipped for a second successful season. Leading ball carriers upfield as a blocker, Herb gets to his objective quickly and with power. He is fleet and uncanny backing up the line, on passes and tackling. Herb was Catholic All-American in 1943, and was named on Collier's and AP All-American teams. After graduation Coleman served as Navy skipper of an LCT at Okinawa and the Phillipines. He is married and the father of a young son. Resides in Canton, Ohio.

PETE LAMANA, 26, 5 feet 11, 210, Boston University. Pete was a fullback last season, a position he played at Cathedral High School, Springfield, Mass., where Angelo Bertelli was his backfield mate. Shifted to center this year because of his terrific line backing ability. Pete earned three football letters at Boston U, and captained the eleven in his senior year. He spent 20 months in Germany as an infantry captain and was awarded three campaign stars, the combat infantry badge, and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf cluster. Lamana is single and lives in Thompsonville, Connecticut.

FRED NEGUS, 26, 6 feet 1, 205, University of Wisconsin. Fred played with Bill Daley and Elroy Hirsch at Michigan as a Navy V-12 student. Last year he won All-Conference honors in the Big Nine, and was named his team's Most Valuable player. A terrific pass defender, Fred also plays a rugged game of line backing. He attended high school at Martins Ferry, Ohio, and prepped one year at Kiski Prep, Saltsburg, Pa. He was an all-around athlete. He attends University of Wisconsin in the offseason, and helps his father run a dairy in Martins Ferry. This year he was named to the Chicago All-Star squad.

CLIFF ROTHROCK, 25, 5 feet 10, 190, North Dakota State. Eddie Anderson of Iowa last year said the toughest center his team faced was Rothrock, the Rock of Fargo. Cliff garnered nearly all the football honors in his conference during three years of play. Overseas he was chosen on the Army All-Stars in Germany. He is married, and lives in Fargo, N. D.

THE QUARTERBACKS . . .

NORMAN COX, 21, 6 feet 3, 210, Texas Christian University. "Fuzzy" Cox, only 21, has a long athletic scroll of merit. He was All-Conference at T.C.U. two years and won All-American honorable mention. Grid fans of the nation remember his feat against Rice in 1944 when he crashed through Rice's line in the last seconds of play and threw the opposing ball carrier for a safety in the end zone, thus winning the game for T.C.U. Off seasons Norm "roughs" it in an oil field. He is married and lives at Grandfalls, Texas.

ALLEN DEKDEBRUN, 23, 5 feet 11, 180, Cornell University. Dekdebrun has been called one of the three greatest passers ever coached by Ed McKeever, former Notre Dame mentor. This puts him in a class with Angelo Bertelli and Johnny Lujack. Al was selected the most valuable player in the 1946 East-West game when his 46-yard touchdown run won the ball game. He was an all-around athlete at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., and was named on numerous All-America teams in 1944-'45. The Rockets acquired Al from the Buffalo Bisons last winter. He lives with his parents and two sisters in Buffalo.

BOB HOERNSCHEMEYER, 21, 5 feet 11, 192, Indiana University. "Hunchy" is a young veteran of pro football. In high school he won four letters in football, basketball and baseball, and added two letters for track. At Indiana he played quarterback and halfback, winning numerous honors. In 1945, playing as a midshipman at Annapolis, Bob won more honors. In the Navy-Penn game he fired two touchdowns including a last-minute pitch to Tony Minisi which won the game, 13-6. Last season he was the Rockets' leading runner and passer. Just before the season started Bob married his hometown sweetheart, Marybelle Groehne, of Cincinnati.

SAM VACANTI, 25, 5 feet 10, 200, University of Nebraska. "Baron" Vacanti was schooled in the T-formation by Coach Bernie Masterson, former Chicago Bears star, at Nebraska. Previously he played with Iowa and Purdue. He was a member of Purdue's Big Ten champions in 1943, and was selected to receive the Rizzito Trophy for being the outstanding Italian football player in United States that year. Sam was an all-around athlete at Tech High School, Omaha, before enrolling at Iowa. Midwest fans recall his last minute touchdown pass to win the Western Conference title in 1943 against Minnesota when he threw 50 yards to Boris Domincheff. Sam was a Marine 1st Lieutenant in the South Pacific. He is married and has a son. The Vacantis live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

THE FULLBACKS . . .

GEORGE BENSON, 28, 6 feet 1, 205, Northwestern University. Benson was a great fullback at Northwestern and with Iowa Pre-Flight in 1942, when Grantland Rice chose him on an all-service eleven. George faced perils in the Pacific, landing a Navy torpedo plane aboard carriers at night, but the thrill he remembers best was scoring the touchdown that defeated top-heavy favorite Ohio State, 6 to 3, in 1939. In high school at Hammond, Indiana, and at N. U. Benson won honors in football, basketball and baseball. He is a salesman for a Chicago paper firm in the off season. Three years ago he married a coed from Northwestern, Betty Neumann. They reside in Chicago.

BILL DALEY, 27, 6 feet 2, 210, University of Minnesota. Daley, the great Minnesota-Michigan All-American, is considered the ideal T-formation fullback; hard plunger who runs like a halfback in the open field. At the least expected moment he is one of the most dangerous backs in football; he will break away for a touchdown. He is a one-step punter, and his boots travel far and accurately. During the war Daley was a deck officer in the Pacific, and played football one season in service under Assistant Coach Hampton Pool with the Fort Pierce (Fla.) Amphibs. Daley's hometown is St. Cloud, Minn.

FRED GLODEN, 28, 5 feet 10, 191, Tulane University. Fred played in the Sugar Bowl game against Oklahoma A & M in 1940 to climax three years as Tulane's speedy, hard-hitting fullback. He played baseball with the Green Wave, and acquired his speed as a sprinter on the track team in high school at Dubuque, Iowa. Fred played with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1941, Hollywood Bears in 1944 and the Miami Seahawks last season. He was a Lt. (jg) in the Navy, and in the off seasons is employed in Miami, Florida. Fred married Frances Clifford of Philadelphia in 1943. He now resides in Philadelphia.

BILL KELLAGHER, 27, 5 feet 11, 205, Fordham University. "Spinner" starred one year at Fordham under Coach Jim Crowley before the war. He played in the famous Cotton Bowl game in 1941, then entered the Marine Corps where he saw four years' duty in a tank battalion. He played one season with the Maui Marines, Pacific champs, in 1945 joined the El Toro Marines. A tough, fast fullback, Bill gives the Rockets vital speed at this important T-formation position. He is single and lives in Ashland, Pennsylvania.

THE FULLBACKS (continued) . . .

ERNIE LEWIS, 23, 6 feet 1, 215, Colorado University. Last season "Big Swink" Lewis led the All-America Football Conference in punting for the first five games of the season. He boots sensational kicks, long and high, and generally is accepted as one of the top kickers in the circuit. He hails from Swink, Colorado, where he made his football debut on a high school team that had so few grid candidates that the team played "touch" football. At Colorado U. he teamed with "Hatched" Clay, his Rockets teammate, thus beginning a career that continued in the El Toro Marines and the Rockets. Ernie runs well, and blocks and tackles with the best. Married, he resides in Swink, Colo.

THE HALFBACKS . . .

BILL BASS, 25, 5 feet 10, 180, University of Nevada. Football experts say: "Bass runs like he had eyes in his back." His downfield finesse—weaving, shifty style running—makes him hard to catch and harder to hold. Born in Greensboro, N. C., he won nearly all the mythical honors among Negro gridgers, played in four bowl games in four years. In 1946, in the Vulcan Bowl, only 13 days after an appendectomy, Bill ran 80 yards in the last seconds for a touchdown, then kicked the winning extra point. Bass' father is a minister. Bill is married, and was a 2nd Lieut. in the Army. His home is Elizabeth, Pa.

WALTER CLAY, 22, 5 feet 10, 205, University of Colorado. "Hatched" Clay, whose power running into a tackler stuns his foes like an Indian tomahawk, was a member of the "touchdown twins" at University of Colorado when the team won the Big Seven conference championship. His running mate was Ernie Lewis, Rockets fullback. A great defensive back, "Hatch" also was the offensive star with the El Toro Marines before Elroy Hirsch joined the squad. He is elusive, fast and has terrific power cracking the line. His home is at Longmont, Colorado.

ELROY HIRSCH, 24, 6 feet 2, 190, University of Wisconsin. Hirsch of Wausau, Wisconsin, was an all-around athletic star in high school. In his sophomore season at Wisconsin he won All-American honors, and won nickname of "Crazylegs" for unique style of running. In Marine Corps reserve Elroy was transferred to Michigan where he became first man in school's history to win four letters in one year. He hurled a one-hitter against Ohio State, broadjumped 24:2. He was star of El Toro Marines and in 1946 won Most Valuable player award at annual Chicago All Star game. He is the Rockets' offensive star, because he can score a touchdown from any point on the field, and is one of the fastest men on the squad. Hirsch is married and lives in Wausau.

RAY RAMSEY, 26, 6 feet 2, 170, Bradley University. "Rocket" Ray was the outstanding all-around athlete in history of Bradley at Peoria, Illinois. He holds three all-time school records in track, all-time scoring record in basketball and was outstanding football star. He runs high hurdles in 14.2 seconds, 220 yard low hurdles in 24.3 around one curve, and high jumps 6 feet 4½ inches. His time for the 100 yard dash is 9.9 seconds. Ramsey figures to be an offensive threat from any place on the football field, as well as an outstanding pass defender and safety man. He was a Navy Lieutenant during the war, and lives in Peoria, Illinois, with his wife and 3-year-old son. He is a native of Springfield, Illinois, where he was a prep sensation.

BILLY SCHROEDER, 24, 6 feet 1, 190, University of Wisconsin. Although football is Bill's specialty, he also excelled in other sports at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, high school and at University of Wisconsin. Last season he played baseball with Chicago Cubs farm team in the South. Bill was a member of the Badgers great football team in 1942, and played with El Toro Marines in service two seasons. A great runner and pass catcher. Bill was recently married, and lives in Sheboygan.

TED SCALLISI, 26, 5 feet 8, 173, Ripon College. Pint-sized Ted is one of the Rockets' speed merchant halfbacks, like his roommate, Ray Ramsey. A native of Madison, Wisconsin, where he won all-around athletic honors, Ted was top football, basketball and track star at Ripon. Last winter he signed a contract with the Oshkosh pro basketball team. A Purple Heart and Silver Star veteran, Ted married Betty Blanchard of Madison last year after returning to Ripon to complete his studies.